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SUBJ: DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING DECEMBER 10, 1974: AGENDA ITEM I,  
STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP

1. TEXT OF STATEMENT BY EUROGROUP CHAIRMAN (FOSTERVOLL, NOR-  
WAY) TO DPC MINISTERS ON DECEMBER 10, 1974 FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

1. MR. CHAIRMAN AS YOU WILL KNOW, THE DEFENSE MINISTERS OF THE  
EUROGROUP MET HERE YESTERDAY; AND IT FALLS TO ME AS CHAIRMAN  
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TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR DISCUSSION AND THE OUTCOME OF OUR MEETING.

2. YOU WILL ALL, I EXPECT, HAVE SEEN THE COMMUNIQUE WHICH WE  
ISSUED YESTERDAY EVENING. I DO NOT, THEREFORE, NEED TO GO

THROUGH ITS CONTENTS IN DETAIL; BUT, AS WITH MOST COMMUNIQUE,  
THERE IS A GOOD DEAL "BETWEEN THE LINES" -- AND I WOULD THERE-  
FORE LIKE TO SAY A LITTLE MORE ON WHAT LIES BEHIND THE COMMUNIQUE  
AND ON ONE OR TWO OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR MEETING.

3. WE HAD A FULL AND INTERESTING DISCUSSION ON TRENDS IN  
EUROPEAN DEFENCE AND THE COOPERATIVE MEASURES REQUIRED TO IM-  
PROVE THE SECURITY OF NATO EUROPE IN THE ALLIANCE FRAMEWORK.  
THE BASIS FOR OUR DISCUSSION WAS A REPORT PREPARED BY A GROUP  
OF HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS UNDER GERMAN CHAIRMANSHIP. THIS RE-  
PORT CONTAINED A WIDE RANGE OF CONSTRUCTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON  
THE ROLE OF THE EUROGROUP IN INCREASING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
THE EUROPEAN RESPONSE IN THE COMMON DEFENCE; AND I AM GLAD TO  
SAY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO AGREE TO ALL THE PROPOSALS. THESE  
PROPOSALS SHOULD PROVIDE THE GUIDELINES FOR MUCH OF THE EURO-  
GROUP'S WORK IN 1975 AND BEYOND. WE ARE ALL GRATEFUL TO HERR  
LEBER AND THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES FOR INITIATING AND DIRECTING  
THIS STUDY FOR US. A FINAL REPORT FROM THE GROUP WILL BE AVAILABLE  
AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

4. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THIS REPORT WE DISCUSSED A NUMBER  
OF THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS CURRENTLY FACING THE ALLIANCE IN  
THE FIELD OF DEFENCE PLANNING AND POLICY. WE HAD A PARTICULARLY  
INTERESTING DISCUSSION ON THE EUROPEAN ASPECTS OF THE MINIS-  
TERIAL GUIDANCE; AND I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT OUR JOINT DISCUSSIONS  
AT THIS DPC MEETING WILL BENEFIT FROM OUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.  
AS CHAIRMAN I GAVE A FURTHER STATUS REPORT ON THE CONTINUING  
DISCUSSION BETWEEN BELGIUM, DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY  
ON THE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR F104-G AND OTHER AIRCRAFT;  
AND IT MAY BE OF INTEREST IF I REPEAT THE INFORMATION FOR YOU  
TODAY.

5. AS I REPORTED TO YOU EARLIER THIS YEAR BELGIUM, DENMARK,  
THE NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY HAVE ACTIVELY STUDIED THE POSSIBILITY  
OF FINDING A COMMON SOLUTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE F-104GS  
AND OTHER AIRCRAFT.

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6. IN MAY, THIS YEAR, THE FOUR COUNTRIES SET UP A JOINT OR-  
GANIZATION HEADED BY A STEERING COMMITTEE TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS  
OF THE MATTER. ON THE BASIS OF PRECEDING NATIONAL STUDIES THE  
STEERING COMMITTEE NARROWED DOWN THE CHOICE TO FOUR CONTENDER  
AIRCRAFT AND HAS CONCENTRATED ITS EFFORT IN EVALUATION OF THESE  
AIRCRAFT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRODUCERS AND WITH THE  
AUTHORITIES IN THE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.

7. THE FOUR MINISTERS OF DEFENCE HAVE ALSO MET WITH THE DE-  
FENCE MINISTERS IN THE THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND DISCUSSED  
VARIOUS ASPECTS OF A POSSIBLE JOINT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME.

8. ON 7 OCTOBER THE FOUR MINISTERS OF DEFENCE AGAIN MET HERE

IN BRUSSELS AND TOOK NOTE OF THE WORK DONE BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE UP TILL THAT TIME. AS A RESULT OF THAT MEETING THEY ISSUED A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

9. THE MAIN POINTS IN THESE INSTRUCTIONS WERE:

ALL FOUR AIRCRAFT ARE ABLE TO FULFIL THE MISSIONS REQUIRED AND ALL FOUR REMAIN CONTENDERS.  
THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL CONTINUE ITS WORK AND FORWARD TO THE MINISTERS OF DEFENCE ITS FINAL REPORT BY THE END OF DECEMBER.  
THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL AS APPROPRIATE ARRANGE FOR PARTICIPATION, ON A NONCOMMITTAL BASIS, IN US GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO THE SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES BY THE US COMPANIES TO THE PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS.  
THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL CONTINUE DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FRENCH AND SWEDISH COMPANIES AND AUTHORITIES.

10. AT THE MEETING ON 7 OCTOBER THE FOLLOWING MAJOR AREAS WERE COVERED:

OPERATIONAL ASPECTS AND LOGISTICS  
PRICE  
INDUSTRIAL ASPECTS

IN ITS FINAL REPORT THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL COVER THESE THREE AREAS ONLY.

11. ALTHOUGH THE FOUR COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE EVALUATION  
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ARE SEEKING A COMMON SOLUTION THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT THAT THE FINAL CHOICE OR SOLUTION IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES REMAINS FULLY AND COMPLETELY A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

12. RETURNING NOW TO THE EUROGROUP MEETING YESTERDAY, WE ALSO HAD A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS EUROGROUP SUBGROUPS, ON EACH OF WHICH THE MINISTER WITH PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUB-GROUP IN QUESTION REPORTED TO US. AS ALWAYS, THIS WAS AN INTERESTING AND LIVELY DISCUSSION DURING WHICH WE HAD SOME ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM A NUMBER OF QUARTERS. THREE MAIN AREAS WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOU:

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(A) IN EUROLOG WE HAVE MADE GOOD PROGRESS TOWARDS AGREEING ON A SET OF PRINCIPLES OF LOGISTIC COOPERATION; AND WE HOPE THAT AT OUR NEXT MEETING IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ENDORSE AND PUBLISH THE FINAL DOCUMENT.

(B) WE HAD AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION ON EUROTRAINING AND THE PART THIS GROUP IS PLAYING IN THE NATO-WIDE CONSIDERATION OF RATIONALISATION AND SPECIALISATION. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE, MR CHAIRMAN, OF THE WAY IN WHICH WORK INITIATED BY THE EUROGROUP HAS ALREADY MADE GOOD PROGRESS CAN BE USED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WHOLE ALLIANCE AT THE RIGHT TIME.

(C) WE ENDORSED AN INTERIM TACTICAL CONCEPT ON ANTI-ARMOUR, WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO US BY MR VREDELING ON BEHALF OF EUROLONGTERM - THE SUB-GROUP UNDER DUTCH CHAIRMANSHIP WHICH IS CONFIDENTIAL

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WORKING IN THE VITAL AREA OF LONG-TERM PLANNING. THE CONCEPT IS DUE TO BE FINALISED WITH THE AIR ELEMENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE; IT IS ALREADY, HOWEVER, A MAJOR BREAK-THROUGH IN AN AREA OF KEY CONCERN TO THE WHOLE OF NATO - A WELCOME PIECE OF NEWS FOR US ALL.

13. WE ALSO DISCUSSED VARIOUS MEANS OF IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EUROGROUP SUB-GROUPS AS SUGGESTED TO US BY THE HIGH LEVEL WORKING GROUP OF OFFICIALS. WE AGREED THAT, TO MAXIMISE THE VALUE OF THE SUB-GROUPS, EUROGROUP MINISTERS PERSONALLY WOULD PLAY A MORE DIRECT PART IN THE SUB-GROUPS' WORK; AND WE ACCORDINGLY ASKED THE SUB-GROUPS TO FEEL FREE TO SUBMIT TO US NOT JUST THOSE PROPOSALS ON WHICH AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED, BUT ALSO ANY ON WHICH THEY FEEL THAT MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION MIGHT HELP TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING

DIFFICULTIES.

14. WE RESUMED OUR DISCUSSION ON THE ROLE OF EUROPEAN INDUSTRY IN THE DEFENCE EQUIPMENT FIELD AND AGREED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT EUROPE SHOULD MAINTAIN A STRONG AND VIABLE DEFENCE INDUSTRY. THIS REQUIRES, HOWEVER, GREATER COLLABORATION BOTH BETWEEN THE EUROPEANS THEMSELVES AND BETWEEN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA; AND WE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT, DURING THE COMING YEAR, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE MORE PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING THE "TWO-WAY STREET" ACROSS THE ATLANTIC WHICH WE SEE AS THE PROPER GOAL. INCREASING PRESSURE ON RESOURCES AND THE DEMANDS FOR STANDARDISATION SEEM, INDEED, TO MAKE THIS PROCESS INEVITABLE. WE ASKED OUR NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS TO ADDRESS THIS QUESTION URGENTLY; AND WE AGREED TO A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON COUNTRIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROCUREMENT PROGRAMMES. WE HOPE THAT, AT THE RIGHT MOMENT, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ENGAGE OUR CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES COLLEAGUES ACTIVELY ON THIS SUBJECT.

15. WE ALSO CONTINUED OUR DISCUSSION ON THE QUESTION OF GIVING PROPOER PUBLICITY TO THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE EFFORT AND THE WORK OF THE EUROGROUP. WE HAVE MADE QUITE A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IN THIS FIELD DURING THIS LAST YEAR; AND WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE HELP AND SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES, HERE AND IN AMERICA, AND THE VERY PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OF THE NATO INFORMATION SERVICE IN THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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WORK. PUBLICITY IS NOT, OF COURSE, A SUBSTITUTE FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND FURTHER PROGRESS; BUT EUROPE AND THE EUROGROUP HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED QUITE A LOT AND IT IS RIGHT THAT SUITABLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SHOULD BE GIVEN. WITH YOUR COOPERATION WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS DURING 1975.

16. I WOULD CONCLUDE MY REMARKS, MR CHAIRMAN, BY REFERRING TO THE EUROPACKAGE 1974 - THE BROADSHEET OF FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE EUROGROUP'S DEFENCE EFFORT WHICH, AS AT PREVIOUS WINTER MEETINGS, WE HAVE ANNEXED TO OUR COMMUNIQUE.

17. I DO NOT NEED TO REMIND YOU, MR CHAIRMAN, AND THIS AUDIENCE THAT 1974 HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT YEAR FOR NATO COUNTRIES - BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND AS REGARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF DEFENCE PROGRAMMES AT THEIR PROPOER LEVEL. BUT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE EVIDENCE OF THE JOINT EUROPEAN DEFENCE EFFORT WHICH WE HAVE ASSEMBLED IN THIS EUROPACKAGE IS, I THINK, EVEN MORE NOTEWORTHY. WE ARE ALSO, OF COURSE, IN THE EUROGROUP, VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE SUBSTANTIAL AND INVALUABLE NORTH AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE; AND THESE EUROPACKAGES, AS OUR CANADIAN AND AMERICAN FRIENDS KNOW, DO NOT SEEK TO MINIMISE THEIR CONTRIBUTION. BUT I THINK IT IS WORTHWHILE CONSIDERING, FROM TIME TO TIME, THE EUROGROUP EFFORT AS A WHOLE; AND I HOPE THAT THIS LATEST EDITION WILL BE AS USEFUL AS THE PREVIOUS ONES SEEM TO HAVE

BEEN. WE HAVE, PRUDENTLY I THINK, AVOIDED BEING OVER-OPTIMISTIC FOR 1975; BUT THE SIZE AND RANGE OF THE EQUIPMENT PROGRAMMES PLANNED CANNOT BE DENIED.

18. AT THE END OF THE EUROPACKAGE, MR CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE INCLUDED A SHORT SECTION ON WHAT MAY BE TERMED THE "BURDEN-SHARING" ASPECTS OF NATO DEFENCE. HERE AGAIN, I THINK EUROPE HAS A GOOD STORY TO TELL; AND I AM PLEASED THAT EUROGROUP HAS PLAYED ITS FULL PART.

19. FINALLY, MR CHAIRMAN, I AM DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOU THAT MR MASON FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS AGREED TO BECOME OUR CHAIRMAN FOR 1975. I AM SURE THAT UNDER HIS GUIDANCE THE EUROGROUP WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMON DEFENCE OF US ALL.  
THANK YOU MR CHAIRMAN.  
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2. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER STATED THAT HE WISHED TO COMMEND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROGROUP, AND IN PARTICULAR MOD FOSTERVOLL, FOR THEIR HELPFUL REPORT, WHICH SHOWED THAT THE LEADING EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WERE HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE EUROGROUP'S INTEREST IN RATIONALIZATION AND SPECIALIZATION. GIVEN THE RESOURCES WHICH THE ALLIANCE HAS BROUGHT TO BEAR FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE, GREATER RATIONALIZATION, THROUGH SUCH MEASURES AS SPECIALIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION, WILL BE NECESSARY TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE FUTURE.

3. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS SAID THAT MR. SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS WERE WELCOME. BRUCE

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